

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A pair of hairdressing scissors comprising two cutting members pivotally connected together, each said cutting member including a handle having a first side and a second side, a first groove being defined in said first side of each said handle, a second groove being defined in said second side of each said handle, a magnetic member being mounted in each said first groove in a manner that said magnetic member has an exposed portion outside the respective handle, said exposed portion of each said magnetic member of the pair of hairdressing scissors being adapted to be securely engaged with a second groove of a respective handle of ~~another~~ a pair of similarly constructed hairdressing scissors.

Claim 2 (original): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 1, further including a frame ring mounted between each said magnetic member and a periphery delimiting the respective first groove.

Claim 3 (original): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 1, wherein each said magnetic member has a thickness equal to a sum of a depth of the respective first groove and a depth of the respective second groove.

Claim 4 (original): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 1, wherein each said magnetic member has a thickness greater than a sum of a depth of the respective first groove and a depth of the respective second groove.

Claim 5 (original): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 2, wherein each said magnetic member has a thickness equal to a sum of a depth of the respective first groove and a depth of the respective second groove.

Claim 6 (original): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 2, wherein each said magnetic member has a thickness greater than a sum of a depth of the respective first groove and a depth of the respective second groove.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A pair of hairdressing scissors comprising two cutting members pivotally connected together about a pivot axis, each said cutting member including a handle having a through-hole extending from a first side thereof through a second side thereof, with the first and second sides extending perpendicular to the pivot axis, a magnetic member being mounted in each said through-hole, said magnetic members of the pair of hairdressing scissors ~~[[and]]~~ being adapted to attract magnetic members of ~~another~~ a pair of similarly constructed hairdressing scissors ~~attracting each other~~, thereby connecting the pair of hairdressing scissors and said ~~another~~ pair of similarly constructed hairdressing scissors together.

Claim 8 (original): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 7, wherein said magnetic member has a thickness equal to a depth of the respective through-hole.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 7, wherein said magnetic member has a thickness greater than ~~[[as]]~~ a depth of the respective through-hole.

Claim 10 (original): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 7, further including a frame ring mounted between each said magnetic member and a periphery delimiting the respective through-hole.

Claim 11 (new): A pair of hairdressing scissors comprising two cutting members pivotally connected together, each said cutting member including a handle having a first side and a second side, a first groove being defined in at least one of said first sides of said handles, a second groove being defined in at least one of said second sides of said handles, a magnetic member being mounted in said first groove in a manner that said magnetic member has an exposed portion outside an associated one of the handles, said exposed portion of said magnetic member of the pair of hairdressing scissors being adapted to be securely engaged with a second groove of an associated one of two handles of a pair of similarly constructed hairdressing scissors.

Claim 12 (new): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 11, further including a frame ring mounted between said magnetic member and a periphery delimiting the first groove.

Claim 13 (new): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 11, wherein said magnetic member has a thickness equal to a sum of a depth of the first groove and a depth of the second groove.

Claim 14 (new): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 11, wherein said magnetic member has a thickness greater than a sum of a depth of the first groove and a depth of the second groove.

Claim 15 (new): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 12, wherein said magnetic member has a thickness equal to a sum of a depth of the first groove and a depth of the second groove.

Claim 16 (new): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 12, wherein said magnetic member has a thickness greater than a sum of a depth of the first groove and a depth of the second groove.

Claim 17 (new): A pair of hairdressing scissors comprising two cutting members pivotally connected together about a pivot axis, each said cutting member including a handle,

at least one of the handles having a through-hole extending from a first side thereof through a second side thereof, with the first and second sides extending perpendicular to the pivot axis, a magnetic member being mounted in said through-hole, said magnetic member of the pair of hairdressing scissors being adapted to attract a magnetic member of a pair of similarly constructed hairdressing scissors, thereby connecting the pair of hairdressing scissors and said pair of similarly constructed hairdressing scissors together.

Claim 18 (new): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 17, wherein said magnetic member has a thickness equal to a depth of the through-hole.

Claim 19 (new): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 17, wherein said magnetic member has a thickness greater than a depth of the through-hole.

Claim 20 (new): The pair of hairdressing scissors as claimed in claim 17, further including a frame ring mounted between said magnetic member and a periphery delimiting the through-hole.